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Kei HAYASAKI, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1752
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Application No.: 10/624,593) Examiner: Unknown
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For: METHOD FOR FORMING A PATTERN AND)
SUBSTRATE-PROCESSING APPARATUS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-SB-08. Applicants are filing this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. This IDS supplements the IDS filed on July 23, 2003.

Applicants attach copies of the listed documents. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate their consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached form.

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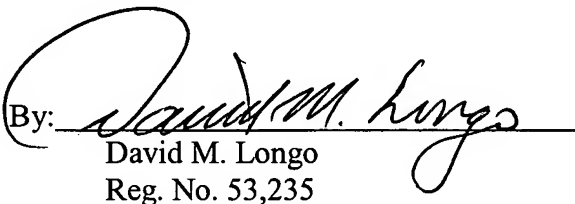
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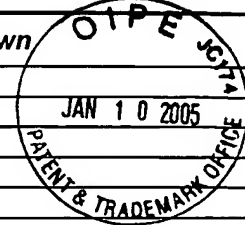
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Respectfully submitted,

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